

**Amendments to the Specification:**

***Please replace the paragraph on page 3, line 22 to page 4, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:***

As illustrated for example in Figures 1 and 2, a portable computer system in accordance with one embodiment of a present invention includes a portable computer 100 and a handheld media storage and playback device (or "playback device") 200 that may be removably mounted on, and electrically connected to, the portable computer. Although not limited to any particular style of portable computer, the exemplary portable computer 100 is preferably a notebook style computer including a main housing 102 that is approximately 13 inches wide, 10.5 inches long and 1.5 inches high. The main housing 202 102 is provided with a handle 104 that defines an open region 106 in which the user's fingers will rest when carrying the computer. The playback device 200 is removably mounted on the housing handle 104 in the illustrated embodiment. The playback device 200 and handle 104 are also respectively sized and shaped such that the playback device, when attached, will form part of the overall contour of the portable computer 100 and be relatively unnoticeable. The exemplary portable computer 100 and playback device 200, as well as the mechanical and electrical connections therebetween, are discussed in greater detail below.